

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

November 28, 2000

IN RE:

**BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S
TARIFF TO REDUCE GROUPING RATES IN
RATE GROUP 5 AND IMPLEMENT A 3% LATE
PAYMENT CHARGE**

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DOCKET NO. 00-00041

**ORDER APPROVING JOINT MOTION IN PART AND RE-INSTITUTING
DISCOVERY SCHEDULE**

At the September 26, 2000 Authority Conference, the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") instituted a discovery schedule pertaining to the two outstanding issues articulated by the Directors at that Conference. The parties filed discovery requests on October 3, 2000 in compliance with the discovery schedule, however further activity in this docket was suspended when the Consumer Advocate Division of the Office of the Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate") filed a Petition for Review of this matter in the Tennessee Court of Appeals.

On November 9, 2000, the Consumer Advocate and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. filed a *Joint Motion* requesting that the Authority "suspend the discovery schedule issued on September 26, 2000 pending dismissal of the appeal of this matter to the Tennessee Court of Appeals." On November 15, 2000, the Appellate Court Clerk's office entered the Court of Appeal's approval of a *Stipulation of Dismissal* that had been executed and filed by all parties of record in the appeal.

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Pursuant to this dismissal, the subsequent return of this matter to the Authority, and the *Joint Motion*, the Pre-Hearing Officer hereby re-institutes the discovery schedule pertaining to the two outstanding issues as follows:

Discovery Requests	Wednesday, December 6, 2000
Discovery Responses	Wednesday, December 13, 2000
Motions or Objections Related to Discovery	Monday, December 18, 2000
Response to Such Motions or Objections	Thursday, December 21, 2000

Due to this accelerated filing schedule, all pleadings are to be filed with the Authority, and served on opposing counsel by hand or facsimile no later than 2:00 p.m. on the above dates. Any discovery requests or other pleadings previously filed and requested to be incorporated in these discovery filings shall be re-filed in their entirety pursuant to the above schedule.

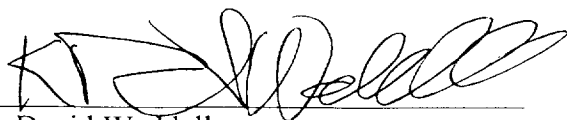
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The parties' *Joint Motion* is granted as to re-instituting the discovery schedule, and the discovery schedule is established as set forth in this Order.



Gary R. Hotvedt
Pre-Hearing Officer

ATTEST:



K. David Waddell
Executive Secretary